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SUBJECT: PPP REORGANIZATION ANNOUNCED

1. PPP CENTRAL SECRETARIAT, IN A NEWS RELEASE ISSUED DECEMBER 7 IN RAWALPINDI, ANNOUNCED THAT THE LONG-DELAYED PPP REORGANIZATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED. NEW PARTY OFFICE HOLDERS FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES WERE ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 8 AND THE NEW ORGANIZATION IN AZAD KASHMIR AND THE FOUR PROVINCES WILL BE ANNOUNCED SUCCESSIVELY OVER THE NEXT FIVE DAYS.

2. PRESS RELEASE REFLECTS TWO MAIN CONCERNS OF PARTY LEADERS. FIRST, THAT OLDER MEMBERS OF THE PARTY MAY OBJECT TO RECENT CONVERTS BEING GIVEN PARTY OFFICES. SECOND, THAT THOSE NOT CHOSEN MAY EITHER STOP WORKING FOR THE PPP OR EVEN LEAVE THE PARTY AND JOIN OPPOSITION RANKS. IN RESPONSE TO FIRST POINT, RELEASE NOTES THAT SINCE THE 1970 ELECTION, THE PARTY HAS "ENGAGED THE ALLEGIANCE OF A FAR LARGER SEGMENT OF THE POPULATION". WHILE THE ORIGINAL PARTY MEMBERS "CONTINUE TO BE THE PARTY'S HEART AND SOUL" MORE RECENT ENTRANTS HAVE ALSO HELPED ACHIEVE PARTY AIMS. RELEASE ALSO NOTES THAT PARTY "BARS NO DOORS TO GENUINE PATRIOTS" AND ADDS THAT SINCE PARKDY IS DYNAMIC INSTITUTION, NEW OPPORTUNITIES ARE

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CONSTANTLY OPENING UP.

3. PARTY'S WORRY OVER POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY DISAPPOINTED MEMBERS REFLECTED IN RELEASE'S COMMENT THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE ALL "ENTHUSIASTIC WORKERS" IN THE LIST OF OFFICE HOLDERS BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THEY "WILL NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE PARTY AND THE COUNTRY". RELEASE POINTEDLY ADDS THAT "INSIDE THE PARTY, THEY HAVE A POLITICAL FUTURE; OUTSIDE THEY CAN CLAIM NO ROLE OTHER THAN THAT OF DESERTERS AND TURNCOATS".

4. QUICK PERUSUAL OF LIST OF NEWLY ANNOUNCED OFFICE-HOLDERS IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES INDICATES THAT REORGANIZATION HAS BEEN SO EXTENSIVE-DOWN TO THE VILLAGE LEVEL- AND SO MAY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN NAMED TO VARIOUS POSTIONS THAT REORGANIZATION MAY WELL ACCOMMODATE BOTH OLD AND NEW PARTY MEMBERS AND THE VARIOUS FACTIONS THAT EXIST AT ALL LEVELS. ONCE NEW OFFICE HOLDERS ANNOUNCED FOR REST OF COUNTRY WE WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE BETTER ASSESSMENT OF HOW OLD VS. NEW PARTY MEMBERS ISSUE WAS RESOLVED IN ADDITION TO HOW THE PM HAS BALANCED THE VARIOUS FACTIONS COMPETING FOR FAVOR WITHIN THE PARTY.  
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